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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SADAT, ANWAR)

SUBJECT: SADAT VISIT: ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF  
CONGRESS

1. WE ARE GLAD TO REPORT THAT, AS EXPECTED, THE LEADERSHIP  
OF THE CONGRESS HAS INDICATED INFORMALLY IT WOULD BE  
HONORED TO INVITE PRESIDENT SADAT TO ADDRESS A JOINT  
SESSION OF THE CONGRESS. THERE IS HOWEVER A PROBLEM OF  
TIMING WHICH WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DISCUSS WITH FAHMY. THE  
PRESENT DRAFT PROGRAM WOULD HAVE THIS ADDRESS AT NOON ON  
TUESDAY, OCT. 28, WHICH IS THE DAY FOLLOWING A LONG WEEK-  
END WITH MONDAY, OCT. 27, BEING VETERANS DAY. MANY  
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL BE VISITING THEIR HOME DISTRICTS  
TO PARTICIPATE IN VETERANS DAY CELEBRATIONS AND THERE IS  
CONCERN THAT MANY MAY NOT HAVE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON BY  
TUESDAY NOON AND THAT THERE MIGHT NOT BE A GOOD SHOWING OF  
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THE MEMBERS FOR THE SADAT SPEECH. A GOOD SOLUTION MIGHT BE

FOR PRESIDENT SADAT TO FLY TO WASHINGTON FROM FLORIDA ON TUESDAY, NOV. 4, ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS AT 12:30 OR 1:00 P.M. AND THEN OVERNIGHT AT CAMP DAVID BEFORE PROCEEDING TO LONDON ON NOV. 5. HOWEVER, NOV. 4 IS AN OFF-YEAR ELECTION DAY AND SOME MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS MIGHT BE BACK IN THEIR DISTRICTS IN CONNECTION WITH THOSE ELECTIONS.

THEREFORE, AN ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION WOULD BE FOR PRESIDENT SADAT TO ADDRESS THE CONGRESS THE NEXT DAY, NOV. 5, BEFORE FLYING ON TO LONDON. IF THIS LAST PROPOSAL WOULD NOT IMPOSE A STRAIN ON SADAT BY COMBINING AN ADDRESS TO CONGRESS WITH A LONG PLANE FLIGHT ON THE SAME DAY, IT MIGHT BE THE BEST ARRANGEMENT TO ASSURE A HEALTHY ATTENDANCE BY THE MEMBERS FOR HIS ADDRESS.

2. PLEASE EXPLORE THESE THOUGHTS WITH FAHMY AND WE WILL DO THE SAME WITH HASSAN KAMEL WHEN HE ARRIVES.

3. FOR CHARGE: AMB. EILTS HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE ABOVE BEFORE HE LEFT. YOU SHOULD DO NOTHING WITH THE ABOVE UNTIL HE RETURNS. HE WILL BE TAKING IT UP WITH FAHMY. KISSINGER

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